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THE CHINESE EMPIRE HAS FALLEN

PALMYRA IS NO BONE OF CONTENTION

"You can give the story in the Advertiser this morning the most emphatic denial," said Father Rougier this morning.

Strangely enough Father Rougier's name was omitted from the passenger list, and it was by a lucky chance that a Star reporter met him on the street.

When asked about the possibility of Great Britain and the United States entering into a war over Palmyra Island, Father Rougier answered:

"It is one of the funniest things imaginable. Great Britain does not want the islands, and wouldn't have them if they were given to her. They are no good as a coaling station, for, although there are twenty-two islands, there is not a harbor on one of them. They are all small, not more than a few acres in extent, and a harbor could not be made on any of them."

"No; there is not the slightest possibility of any friction between the two great countries. You can give the story in the Advertiser this morning the most emphatic denial."

There was nothing further to be gained from Father Rougier. He was smiling the whole while, and seemed highly amused at the story sprung by the alarmists of the morning paper.

He stated that the sale of Fanning Island to the English syndicate had been completed, and was now out of his hands entirely. Father Rougier has been to Fiji, where he joined the Marama, which no doubt accounts for the omission of his name from the list. He continued his journey in the Marama this afternoon.

It looks as though another medium will have to be taken up, for Father Rougier is an acknowledged authority on matters Palmyra.

Famous 1st United States Infantry Coming to Hawaii

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, January 31.—The first United States Infantry will sail for Hawaii early in May.

The First Infantry is a famous organization, dating back to the earliest of the American army. It was stationed in 1898 at the Presidio of San Francisco where General Shafter, who had been its colonel, was in command; and when General Shafter was given command of the Cuban invasion he insisted that the First should be part of it. The day the regiment left San Francisco for the front, under Colonel Miles, there was the first of the great public turn-outs in that city which signalized the war year.

The First Infantry leads the procession of regiments which is coming here to fill up the Oahu garrison to war strength.

ABDICATION EDICT HAS BEEN SIGNED

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)
TIENTSIN, January 31.—The edict of abdication has been signed. The court will remain in the city for a month. There is a panic among officials who are seeking the shelter of the foreign concessions.

Martial law has been proclaimed and the mayor has resigned.

A CHILDREN'S BUREAU.
WASHINGTON, January 31.—The Senate has passed the Horah bill creating a children's bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

TAFT PREDICTS VICTORY.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 31.—President Taft, in addressing fifty Republican editors, predicted victory in the coming campaign.

SUGAR REVISION SCHEDULED.
WASHINGTON, January 31.—The House Democrats will consider the revision of the sugar schedules immediately.

GERMAN SQUADRON COMING.
BERLIN, January 31.—A squadron will be sent to America in June to return the visit of the United States fleet.

ANTI-TIPPING LAW.
FRANKFORT, Ky., January 31.—An anti-tipping law has passed the lower house of the legislature.

HURT IN A MINE.
DANVILLE, W. Va., January 31.—Eight men have been injured in a falling mine cage.

EIGHT POLICEMEN KILLED.
RADOVICHT, Macedonia, January 31.—Eight policemen have been killed by a bomb.

BURNS AGAINST LORIMER.
WASHINGTON, January 31.—William J. Burns testified today against Senator Lorimer.

(Morning Cable Report on Page Twelve.)

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL GREATLY IMPROVED THE PAST YEAR IN BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

At a meeting of the trustees of the Queen's Hospital this morning a lengthy report, including a financial statement and a full presentation of the activities for the year, was read, followed by the election of the president and four trustees. F. J. Lowrey was elected president and the new trustees are A. Gartley, W. E. Brown, H. M. von Holt and J. A. McCandless.

The hospital, as you are aware, exists for the purpose of treating "all medical and surgical cases not of an infectious or contagious character." I wish to lay emphasis on this limitation, because in times past we have been criticised for not admitting infectious cases.

The Queen's Hospital, on June 29 last, completed fifty-two years of its existence as a chartered society. Under its amended charter, the financial year ends on January 15, and the annual meeting is held on this, the last Wednesday in January. May I recall to your recollection that the membership of the society consists of those persons who—having subscribed the sum of \$50 to its funds—have been elected, by the board of trustees, members for life. At this date there are ninety-eight members. A list is attached.

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Fractional Additions To Tax Assessments

At last the matter of the property tax that is to be collected this year has been decided upon. The governor this morning had a conference with Treasurer Conkling and Auditor Fisher. The whole matter was discussed, the figures provided by the treasurer and the auditor being gone into.

The last legislature passed an act providing that an estimate be made in January of each year, of the probable receipts and expenditures up till the middle of May of the next year.

If the estimated receipts were not sufficient to meet the expenses, an additional property tax could be imposed, which was not to exceed one-fourth of one per cent.

Such an estimate has been made up by the treasurer and auditor, and checked by the governor, and it has been found that there is no necessity to impose the maximum additional tax. Still, in view of the increase in the old and new appropriations there is not a very big margin.

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MANY YOUNG LIVES ARE SAVED BY THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A new measure limiting the ages of the patients in the Kauaikeolani Children's Hospital was passed yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation in the office of Judge S. B. Dole. Heretofore the hospital authorities have not attempted to define the word "children," but in the future the age limit will be 14 years for girls and 12 years for boys. The meeting was not largely attended by members "in the flesh," as Judge Dole expressed it, for many of the supporters of the hospital who are entitled to vote are not residents of Honolulu and vote by letter. All of the officers were re-elected, namely: S. B. Dole, president; J. F. Morgan, first vice president; George P. Castle, second vice president; W. O. Smith, treasurer; Miss Goldie G.

Gurney, secretary. A number of interesting reports were presented showing the achievements of the hospital during the past year.

Reports of Physicians.
Following is a summary of the medical and surgical reports for 1911:
From January 1 to June 30, 1911, Dr. W. D. Baldwin was attending physician, assisted by Dr. F. F. Hedemann.
From July 1 to December 31, 1911, Dr. C. B. Wood was attending physician.
During the whole of the year 1911, Dr. W. C. Hobdy was attending surgeon.
The following statistics are taken from the reports of Miss J. N. Dewar, superintendent, and the physician and surgeon for the year:
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Decision for Wilson

The injunction which John H. Wilson, contractor, asked for, enjoining Superintendent of Public Works Campbell and the Loan Fund Commission from approving vouchers for work done or materials supplied under the contract with the Lord-Young Engineering company for the road work for which Wilson was an unsuccessful bidder, was granted by Judge Whitney in the circuit court this afternoon.

In his decision Judge Whitney acknowledges the right of the commission to take into consideration a contractor's fitness as well as the bid he makes for the work, but he severely criticizes the body for making its decision in a secret session without giving Wilson a hearing.

Wilson's bid for the contract at issue was the lowest and the Lord-Young company the next lowest. In making its decision the Loan Fund Commission awarded the contract to the Lord-Young company on the ground that this firm was more competent and responsible. Judge Whitney stipulates that his decision is not to be interpreted as a criticism of the honesty of the commission and he says further that he believes they acted as they did upon an honest conviction that they were serving the public well, but he also asserts that Wilson should have had an opportunity to prove his abilities in an open hearing.

DAVIS CUP CHALLENGERS TELL OF BAD WEATHER AND LARNED'S BAD LUCK

Messrs. Larned, McLoughlin and Wright, the American tennis team that went to the Colonies to challenge for the Davis cup, arrived by the S. S. Marama this morning.

They will stay over here for the S. S. Sierra. McLoughlin will stop with Alfred Castle, Wright with W. Roth and Larned with Dr. Tucker Smith of the naval station.

All three are looking well after their voyage, but were glad to set foot on terra firma this morning.

The distinguished visitors were greeted at the wharf by many friends, who immediately whisked them up town.

Bad Cup Weather.
McLoughlin and the others state that the weather after their arrival at Christchurch, New Zealand, till the date of the tournament was vile. It rained so steadily and heavily that tennis practice was out of the question and the visiting trio had to resort to running on the sand in order to keep themselves fit.

On the day set for the first matches there were three or four inches of water on the courts and the play had to be postponed. Even then the matches had to be played on heavy, damp courts.

Larned Bowled Tendon.
In his match with Heath, Larned, the singles rack, had the misfortune to badly strain a tendon, which put him out of the tournament as far as active playing was concerned.

The Australians could have claimed his games by default, but chivalrously allowed McLoughlin to take his place.

The American players admit that they were surprised by the excellent playing of the Australasians, particularly Brookes and Heath. Dunlop they were not so much impressed with.

Australia Next Year.
According to the visitors, there will be no more Davis cup tournaments in New Zealand on account of the uncertain weather. It is said to be practically certain that the next tournament will be played either at Melbourne or Sydney.

The gate receipts were not so large as had been expected and much smaller than was the case when the last tournament was played, in Melbourne, when 150,000 witnessed the cup play.

Messrs. Larned, McLoughlin and Wright are found in the praises of their reception by the New Zealanders and by their keen, clean sportsmanship.

This afternoon at 3:30 on the Bereania courts McLoughlin and Wright will play a match with Alfred Castle and W. Roth.

RABIES RULES IN FORCE MARCH 1

On March 1 the rules and regulations regarding the quarantining of dogs that come from countries where rabies exists will be put into force. By the date mentioned, the kennels and necessary buildings at the quarantine station will be erected, and ample provision for the housing of dogs will be provided.

Dr. Norgaard will be in control of the rabies regulations, and he expects to have a big job on his hands. The rules as amended were approved of by the Governor last week, and the committee on animal industry of the board of agriculture has finally passed on the proposition.

Dr. Norgaard is busy at present making his annual test of cows for tuberculosis. So far, he has examined about one hundred cows. In three or four instances he found that the cows were slightly infected. The tests will be continued till every cow in the county has been examined.

Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., will hold a special meeting at seven-thirty tonight.

LIEUTENANT SCOTT SUSTAINS SEVERE BATHING ACCIDENT

Lieutenant Scott of the U. S. S. Glacier met with a painful accident at Waikiki beach on Monday afternoon, through treading on a piece of broken glass bottle and cutting the instep so badly that Dr. Tuttle of the U. S. Army had to put nine stitches in it. Mr. Scott is now confined to his room on the Glacier.

Mr. Scott was walking through the shallow water on his way to the deep water to have a swim, when suddenly he stepped on the upturned broken bottle. The glass inflicted a deep cut in his instep, and immediately the water was stained with the blood that gushed out. The salt water made the wound sting, and it looked for a time as though Mr. Scott would lose consciousness with the pain. His friends had him conveyed to a house nearby on the beach, and first aid to the injured was administered. Dr. Tuttle was summoned, and soon arrived on the scene. He saw the seriousness of the cut, and after the usual cleansing operations he put nine stitches in the wound.

Later on Scott was removed to his ship by automobile, and now lies in his bed unable to follow his duties. It is expected that the wound will incapacitate him for several weeks, as the wound is very deep. It was a very serious accident.

There was no news of the fleet this morning on board the Glacier. No word as to when the vessels will leave is forthcoming. The Glacier knows nothing at all about this, it was said. There is a belief among the officers of the fleet that the cruisers will be divided up into half, after the return of the Maryland from Ecuador. Two vessels, it is thought, will leave soon for parts unknown, and the other two, together with the Glacier, stay here pending further instructions.

The three cruisers are outside today, and will be back tomorrow. It is expected. They are finishing off their periodical inspections.

BUTTER STANDS THE FIRST TEST

Food Commissioner Blanchard has been working all the morning on some butter tests. The butter came in this morning on the Marama from Australia and, as a shipment received from New Zealand some time ago was refused admittance on account of there being a preservative in the article, much interest was taken in the Marama's shipment.

Many people who, using nothing but Australian and New Zealand butter, have been waiting impatiently for a fresh shipment of the Antipodean produce.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon Blanchard announced that the butter had passed the first test, but a second test would be made to prove up.

SHAW HURT BY BLAST

W. E. Shaw of the Honolulu Monument Co. met with a painful accident this morning.

Some blasting was being done on his premises on Fourth avenue, Kaimuki. A blast had exploded and Shaw went forward to investigate the result.

A second blast exploded as he neared the spot and his face and eyes were peppered with small pieces of rock.

He was removed to the hospital where he will remain for a couple of days.

He is to be congratulated on a very narrow escape from losing his eyesight.

STARRETT FIGHTING A REAL TROUBLE WITH THE BANANA

Market Superintendent Starrett started out this morning on his second day of inspection among the banana growers. As a result of his expedition into the banana country about Waikiki yesterday, the superintendent is far from optimistic. He said that he found scarcely any fruit that was not infected with scale, whether on the plant or cut for the market.

"This condition does not affect the sale of bananas here," said he this morning, "but there would be no use in sending such produce to the Coast, because it would be condemned and destroyed there. I know that in the mountain districts and on the other side of the island I shall not find the scale so bad, but immediately about the city it is very discouraging."

It is not the superintendent's business to suggest or enforce a remedy and there is no legislation here which prevents the shipment of infected fruit, but he is certain that the growers who ship to the Coast will have to take radical steps if they intend to preserve their market. He believes that in most of the groves the scale has progressed so far that spraying will do little good and that the producers will have to depend upon the young shoots, spraying them as they grow, for good, uninfected fruit.